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BYS Minutes 05/10/2006

Minutes of the Board of Youth Services
Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Present: Mary Deyst, chair; Jeanette Mills, vice chair; Carlene Newell; Donna Dolan, Jack Bowler; Elaine Shea; Joan Robbio, Gene Lucarelli; Larry Greco; Cindy Sheridan; Patsy Kraemer, ex-officio; Dave McKenna, ex-officio; Elizabeth Oppedisano, ex-officio.

Guest: Leon Cantor

Absent: Dorothy Williams

The meeting was called to order by chair Mary Deyst at 6:35 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

CAPP report – Carlene reported that upcoming schools are Brackett on May 24th, and Hardy on June 14th. Concern was raised about the possibility that the CAPP program would not be continued next year. Members spoke in support and recommended sending a letter to the Superintendent, School Committee, and Town-wide PTO. Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously in favor.

First Step report – Elaine shared a moving experience from the most recent group meeting indicative of the powerful healing process that can happen. The group also received beautiful May Day baskets from the Hardy School Girl Scouts. They have done this for several years.

Alcohol and Drug Education Report – Elizabeth reported on two more Peer Leadership trainings. Peer Leaders sign an agreement that includes a pledge not to use drugs or alcohol. Two trainees had to be excused for violating this provision.

Fuel Assistance Report – Jack thanked the Board for their support in raising \$65,000. To date there have not been many requests, but expectations are that there will be more in the next few months. The Fuel Assistance Fund guidelines were approved by unanimous vote.

New Officers – Nominated, seconded and voted unanimously as the new chair: Jeanette Mills. Nominated, seconded and voted unanimously as the new vice chair: Cindy Sheridan.

Board of Youth Services Vacancy – Jack Bowler is stepping down as a Board member. Process for filling a vacancy: Notice is put in the Advocate and on the town web site. Application is made to the Town Manager, who makes the appointment. He may ask for others to screen and advise.

Change of date for the Board picnic at Mary Deyst's was noted: June 21st.

AYCC Memory Lane. This was Patsy's last Board meeting before retiring. She shared old photos, newspaper articles and memories of her 36 years working in Arlington.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40. Seconded. Unanimous vote.

Next meeting: Picnic and awards on June 21, 2006.